

# Hellers Take Lead in "Y" Games—Hoofs Are Elks Champions

## MENKE TELLS OF SCOUT WHO WENT INTO COAL MINE

Signed Tom Wilson for Minneapolis While Under Earth—Harvard Clears Up Nearly \$200,000 From Football.

By Frank G. Menke.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Mike Kahoe, scout for the Washington and Minneapolis clubs, went down into a coal mine recently to get the signature of a catcher who will get a trial with the Minneapolis club in the American association next season.

"His name is Tom Wilson," said Kahoe. "It was told to go to Hartford, Nebraska, where he lived. When I got to Hartford I found it a town of about 200. In the outskirts was a coal mine. Inquiry developed the fact that Wilson was at work in the mine. I decided to wait until he came out in the evening to sign him up, but I suddenly changed my mind following a conversation with one of the armed guards near the mine.

"There's going to be trouble around here pretty soon, mister," said the guard. "The regular miners are liable to come in on any train and the troops are on the way. Kinda think there's going to be some shootin' hereabouts."

"That was enough for me," continued Kahoe. "I just made for the mouth of that mine shaft and demanded to be taken down. The guards around there looked me over. I thought sure they were going to 'frisk' me, but they didn't because I presented cards and letters that were convincing proof that I wasn't a spy. Well, after going down and down for about 52 miles, the bucket that I was riding in reached the bottom. I was led for three or four miles by a father and pretty soon I came upon a gang of men. My guide pointed out one and said:

"That's Wilson."

"I told Wilson that I had come to sign him up for the Minneapolis club, offered him terms and he said they were satisfactory. Then he signed the contract and I started for the top of the earth once more. I got there and I got out of town just before the soldiers arrived.

"What did Wilson look like?" Kahoe was asked.

"Say I wouldn't know him again if I saw him on the street or in a mine," answered the scout. "All those fellows looked alike down there. They all were about as black and sooty as could be. Maybe the guide gave me the wrong steer and maybe I signed up the wrong man, but I took a chance on that rather than hang around that town any longer than I had to."

Football as it is conducted at Harvard is quite a lucrative sport. The total Harvard receipts for the 1914 season were \$197,000. The total expenses were about \$27,000. That leaves \$170,000 as a net profit.

And up in Harvard they resent the remarks of some folks who contend that colleges commercialize sport.

The Harvard share for that Yale-Harvard game was about \$27,000. The Princeton game receipts were \$40,000 and the Michigan receipts about \$30,000. The rest of the money came from the Washington and Jefferson, Pennsylvania State, Tufts, Bates, Brown and Springfield Y. M. C. A. games.

The Army-Navy football dates after the 1915 game is played may conflict with the Yale-Harvard battle dates. It has been customary in the past for Yale and Harvard to meet on the Saturday preceding Thanksgiving day.

Of late the Army coaches have come out strongly against playing their big game so late in the season, the contention being that the weather gets so cold up around West Point toward the latter part of November that it interferes with training and that the coaches are unable to get the players into the proper condition.

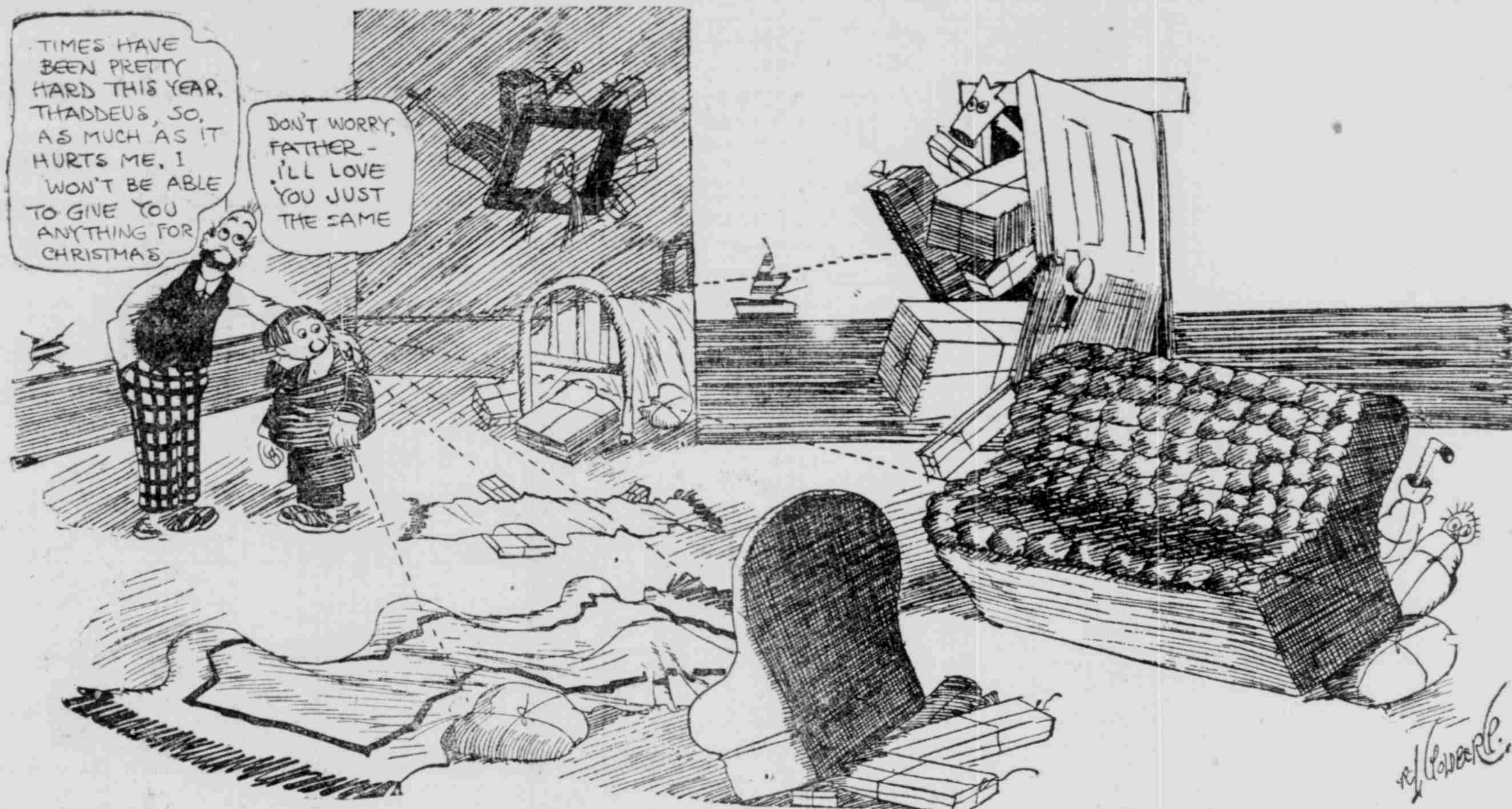
If the theorizing Prohibitionist was compelled to work in a steel mill, grind shop or a stuffy factory, preferably in the hot summer months, then and there a miracle would happen to him. He would learn that in the long day's grind the modern galley slave needs a mild stimulant to sustain him—to bridge him over to meet another day.

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## HOOPS WIN HONOR OVER BUCKTAILS AND BILLS

Supremacy of Elk League is Settled at Meeting of Three of Fittest Quintets—Winners Score 3000.

Supremacy of the three bowling leagues maintained by the Elks' lodge this season was settled Wednesday night, when the Hoofs team of the Elks' league defeated the Bills of the Antlers' league and the Bucktails of the Federal league for the championship.

The Hoofs merited the honor of being called the best team in the three leagues by hanging up a 3,000 score in their game with the Bills. The winners of the inter-league series finished their season last Sunday with an average of 610, winning 25 and losing 16 of their 42 games. The Bills, who carried off the honors in the Antlers' league, won 27 and lost 15 for a percentage of .643 during the regular season. In the Federal league, the Bucktails copped with 24 won and 18 lost, average of .571.

## OLD BALL PLAYER DIES

Phillip J. Powers Was Known as "Leather Fisted Phil."

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Phillip J. Powers, well known to the earlier generations of baseball players and fans with whom he was famous as "Leather Fisted Phil," died Wednesday at his home here of pneumonia. He was 62 years old and started his baseball career behind the bat, for the New York Mutuals. Later he joined the Cincinnati Reds and it was in 1876 that he won his nickname through his positive refusal to wear a glove even when catching the speediest pitchers of the day. Later he became a National league umpire, but in 1893 obtained a city position which he held up to the present time.

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## LEACH CROSS WANTS TO FIGHT WINNER

Would Take On Either Joe Shugrue or Charley White Next Month.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Leach Cross, who has been laid up from a bad cold for several days is well again and his brother, Sam Wallach, who looks after his affairs, is going to make a desperate effort to match him with the winner of the Joe Shugrue-Charley White bout in the garden on Dec. 29.

According to reports from their training camps, neither Kid Williams nor Johnny Daly is experiencing any difficulty in making the weight called for in the articles of agreement—116 pounds ringside—for their 10-round bout at the Pioneer Sporting club on Christmas afternoon.

Williams will wind up his training at Brown's gymnasium Tuesday while at the same time Daily will close his period of training at Hawkins' roadhouse.

Jimmy Flynn of Long Island City and Johnny Reiss, the western fighter, have accepted the terms offered them by the matchmakers of the Queensboro A. C. of Long Island City, to fight a 10-round bout and they will come together on Saturday evening. Mike Smith and Young McGovern meet in the semi-final.

## HOLY NAME PREPS WIN ANOTHER GAME

Mishawaka Friars Forced to Take Small End of Score at St. Patrick's Gymnasium.

Outplaying their rivals in team work the Holy Name Preps, had little difficulty in winning from the Mishawaka Friars, Wednesday night at St. Patrick's gymnasium, by a score of 34 to 23.

Featuring the game was the work of Smith of Mishawaka and Cunningham of the Preps, the rival centers. The Mishawaka man scored eight baskets and shot three fouls while his opponent landed seven baskets and one foul goal. Smith played a sensational floor game for his team, while Souley and Butler were some of the best workers for the H. N. S.

The lineup:  
Holy Names (34) Mishawaka (23)  
Souley (Capt.) Chamberlain  
Schubert ..... E. VandenBosch  
Cunningham ..... Smith (Capt.)  
McKell ..... Fetters  
Butler ..... J. VandenBosch  
Substitutions—McCarthy for Butler; Kelly for McKell; Sausen for Kelly; Butler for Cunningham.  
Baskets—Smith, 8; Cunningham, 7; Souley, 5; Schubert, 3; Chamberlain, 1; E. VandenBosch, 1; Fouls—Smith, 2; Souley, 2; Cunningham, 1. Referee—Kreuzberger.

## GUNBOAT SMITH GETS ROUGH WITH CYCLONE

Tom McCarthy is Gritton for Punishment But is No Match for Opponent's Speed in Ring.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—This Gunboat Smith sure is a rough guy. Referee Dan Tane had to stop the fight between Smith and Tom McCarthy, heralded as a new "Montana cyclone," after it had gone a little way into the fourth round at the Empire A. C. on Wednesday night. It seems that the Gunboat was bombarding McCarthy with breadsides and hitting him far too often and too hard.

It was not possible to give the exact number of knockdowns scored by Mr. Smith, but they were plenty and finally he almost refused to hit the westerner any more. At that it must be said for McCarthy he is a glutton for punishment and was staggering toward Gunboat asking to be knocked down again when the end came.

CLARK WHIPS ANDREWS.  
MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 24.—Freddie Andrews lost to Hal Clark in the opening of the new Cudahy Boxing club. Young Nitchie stopped Kid Hardy in three rounds.

## TO ANNOUNCE SCHEDULES

Coach Harper Will Attend Conference at Chicago, Dec. 29.

Notre Dame's track, football and baseball schedules will be out when Coach Harper returns from the annual convention of coaches which will be held in Chicago Dec. 29. He stated that he is planning for some good schedules when he meets the coaches. When he returns he will begin work for the coming basketball ball contests and Coach Rockne will begin to develop a track team from the big bunch of recruits.

Practice last night consisted only in passing the ball and shooting baskets from the field. The regular work will be resumed today for the floor which has been newly coated is in fine condition. Nearly all of the interhall men who are spending the holidays here are out for basketball. The principal work now is the development of muscles for the track men. Each individual spends three hours a day in the training room.

## JOHNSON RETURNS DRAFT

Weeghman Refuses Money and Question Will be Taken to Court.

COFFEYVILLE, Kan., Dec. 24.—Walter Johnson, star pitcher of the Washington American league, mailed a draft reimbursing Charles Weeghman, president of the Chicago Federals, for the bonus given Johnson when he signed a Federal league contract. The draft was for \$6,000. Prest Weeghman will refuse to accept the money, according to Prest Gilmore, and the question of where Johnson will play will be taken into court.

MCCARTHY KNOCKED OUT.  
DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 24.—Johnny Lore of New York won by the knockout route in the sixth round from Billy McCarthy at the Windsor A. C. last night.

## HOBEY BAKER ON N. Y. A. C. HOCKEY TEAM

HOBEY BAKER.



The former star football and hockey player of Princeton university has joined the New York Athletic club and will be a member of that organization's hockey team this winter. Baker is considered one of the greatest all-around hockey players in the country and should be a prominent figure in the games that are played at New York, Boston and Montreal this year.

## WILL LEASE ARENA

Curley Says Jim Jeffries Will Train Willard for Johnson Fight.

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 24.—Jack Curley said Wednesday that the Juarez race track, including the great \$50,000 concrete and steel grand stand, would be leased for the Johnson-Willard fight which will be held March 6. Curley announced that Jim Jeffries would train Willard.

## JUAREZ GETS BOUTS

Stanley Yoakum and Jack Thompson Sign Articles for Battle.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 24.—Stanley Yoakum and Jack Thompson, the giant black, have accepted terms for bouts at Juarez. Yoakum has agreed to meet Gene Delmont on New Year's day at 188 pounds, while Thompson has signed to battle 20 rounds with Harry Wills, the big New Orleans negro, on Jan. 12.

## FANS WILL GO TO FIGHT

Fifty Loyal White Followers to See Fight With Shugrue in N. Y.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Fifty fans have signed up for the trip to New York to see Charley White box Joe Shugrue next Monday. White and Mr. Nate Lewis will go east today. They will take a train at 5 o'clock which will permit them to eat their Christmas dinner in New York. On Saturday and Sunday White will work at Cooper's gymnasium.

## LOS ANGELES GETS TRACK

Board Speedway More Than Mile Long to be Ready in February.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Dec. 24.—A new mile and a quarter board speedway—the fastest race track in the world, according to the promoter—is to be constructed here by Jack Prince and ready for automobile racing by the last of February. Barney Oldfield will be manager of the track. The capitalization of the corporation is \$100,000. There will be two quarter-mile straightaways, with raised turns, varying from 10 to 40 degrees.

## STILL PLAYING BALL

BAKERSFIELD, Calif., Dec. 24.—The All-Americans and All-Nationals play here this afternoon. Yesterday at Fresno the All-Americans won, 6 to 2.

## DECATUR HAS BIG FIRE

Early Morning Blaze Causes Loss of \$30,000.

DECATUR, Ind., Dec. 24.—The worst fire in the history of this city destroyed the Schafer Hardware Co.'s store in a blaze that started at 5 o'clock in the morning. The loss is \$30,000 and about 30 people were thrown out of work by the fire. Three business blocks, each of two stories, were completely gutted.

## WILL DRESS PLAINLY

High School Girls Decide to Avoid Expense at Entertainment.

HOLLAND, Dec. 24.—Believing that middie blouses and blue skirts would look becoming and attractive and not work a handicap on parents who are unable to meet the expense of the more elaborate and stylish gowns the members of the junior high school have decided to return to the more democratic spirit when selecting their gowns for the promotion exercises to be held at the close of the first semester in February.

The girls are about 14 years old and the proposed simplicity in dress will be carried out in the play, "Evangeline," to be given on the day of their promotion.

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## HELLERS CLIMB TO LEAD WHEN PRESSMEN LOSE

Defeat the Peerless Lads Twenty-four to Thirteen—Elbel and Bagby Teams Defeat Opponents on Y. M. Floors.

LEAGUE STANDING.		
	W.	Pct.
Hellers	3	1.000
Peerless Press	2	.667
Spiros	2	.667
Elbels	1	.333
Bagbys	1	.333
Clauers	0	.000

Scores Last Night.  
Hellers, 24; Peerless Press, 13.  
Elbels, 25; Spiros, 18.  
Bagbys, 23; Clauers, 17.

The Hellers of the Commercial Basketball league of the Y. M. C. A. established themselves at the head of the league standing in Wednesday night's games by defeating the Peerless Press five by a score of 23 to 15. The game was the fastest of the three played, although all were marked by clever playing.

The Spiros suffered their first defeat of the season at the hands of the Elbels, due perhaps to the fact that their captain and stellar performer, Grant, was out of the game suffering from a stiff neck. He played the last half, but showed nothing like his usual form in neither his basket shooting nor floor covering. Lacking his leadership his teammates were unable to overcome the lead piled up by the sturdy pianists.

The Clauers suffered their third consecutive defeat of the season being unable to withstand the energetic shooting of the Bagbys, for whom it was the first game won.

Probably Bucher of the Elbels started out of the entire bill of the evening. He gathered a total of five baskets—almost half of the entire score registered by his quintet. He was assisted in some pretty floorwork by Price at center. Mueller played the most consistent game for the Spiros.

The Bagbys gained a hold in the standing in the defeat of the Clauers, whose streak of ill luck continued through Wednesday night's game. Their efforts at basket tossing often went wide of the mark and every attempted bit of teamwork was torn to shreds by the fast work of the Bagbys.

Lineups and summaries:  
Hellers (24) Peerless Press (13)  
D. Shanfield ..... VandenBosch  
Right Guard.  
C. Witt ..... E. O'Donnell  
Left Guard.  
Eager ..... Vermande  
Center.  
Brandt ..... Yost  
Right Guard.  
Hildebrand ..... Rose  
Left Guard.  
R. Engdahl

Goals—Witt, 4; Eager, 4; Hildebrand, 4; VandenBosch, 1; E. O'Donnell, 3; Vermande, 1. Fouls thrown—VandenBosch. Spiros (18)  
Bucher ..... Grant, Mueller  
Right Forward.  
Fernandez ..... Cochovety  
Left Forward.  
Price ..... H. O'Donnell  
Center.  
Elbel ..... Bondurant  
Right Guard.  
Berger ..... Stanley  
Left Guard.

Goal—Bucher, 2; Fernandez, 2; Price, 2; Elbel, 2; Berger, 1; Grant, 2; Mueller, 4; H. O'Donnell, 1; Cochovety, 1. Fouls thrown—Fernandez.  
Bagbys (23) Clauers (18)  
Colmer ..... E. Engdahl, Hershenow  
Left Forward.  
Wolf ..... Hurwich  
Left Forward.  
Witt ..... Bacon  
Center.  
Whitman ..... Schiebelhut  
Right Guard.  
Bacon ..... Myers  
Left Guard.

Goals—Colmer, 2; Wolf, 3; Witt, 2; Whitman, 2; Bacon, 2; E. Engdahl, 1; Hurwich, 2; E. Bacon, 2; Myers, 1; Hershenow, 1. Fouls thrown—Witt, E. Bacon.

## ROUT LASTS TWO HOURS.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 24.—After two hours and five minutes of wrestling, John Makie of Boston defeated Owen Bailey of Nebraska in what was called a match for the lightweight championship. Makie won the first fall in 1:45 and the second in 20 minutes.

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